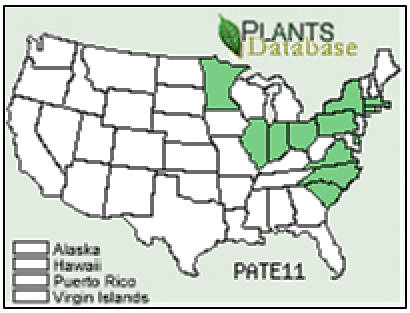
Japanese Pachysandra

Pachysandra terminalis

Description: Japanese Pachysandra also called Japanese spurge is an evergreen perennial herb groundcover in the Buxaceae family. It can reach twelve inches in height and spread to form dense mats. Small oval-shaped leaves, generally two to four inches in length, alternate about the stem. Flowers are white and appear between March and April. Fruits are on terminal branches and are extremely small.



Habitat and Distribution:
It is prominent along forest and meadow edges within the eastern half of the United States. (See green map areas)

Environmental Impacts: Japanese spurge grows very quickly, spreading by underground stems and forming a very dense groundcover that can displace other vegetation.

Control and Management: Pre-emergence herbicides such as Betasan, Lescosan can be used on Japanese Pachysandra. Basagran T/O (5 teaspoons/1 gallon of water; treats approximately 1,000 ft^2).

Manual pulling and controlled burning have been used successfully on appropriate areas.

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